GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6549
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BOMB EXPLOSION IN FEROZPUR DHANBAD EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a bomb exploded on March 14, 2002 in one compartment of the Ferozpur-Dhanbad Expressnear Doraha Station on the Ludhiana-Ambala route;

(b) if so, the number of persons died and injured in the incident; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to further strengthen the safety of trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) Yes, Sir. On 13.3.2002, and not on 14.3.2002, an explosion took place in coach No.ERGS 92414 of 3308Down Ganga Satluj Express train near Railway Station Dohara between Ambala-Ludhiana section.

(b) 3 persons were killed and 27 were injured in this incident.

(c) Though maintenance of law and order and control of crime on Railways including running trains is the responsibility of the State Governments, the Railway Administration has taken the following steps to supplement the efforts of the State Governments:-

1. Anti-social elements are removed from Railway premises and trains by RPF.

2. Announcement through Public Address system and CCTV at important Railway Stations to alert the travelling passengers.

3. Co-ordination meeting are held between Railway managers, RPF officers and State Police officersat the Zonal and Divisional level. Meeting is also being held at the level of Railway Board.

4. RPF officers are holding regular co-ordination meetings with their counter-parts on the GRP and Civil Police.

5. Sharing of Special Intelligence and Crime Intelligence between RPF and GRP is being done at all levels.

6. Joint Strategies for dealing with anti-social elements operating on Railways have been chalked out by the GRP and RPF.

7. RPF Sniffer dogs, wherever available, are being deployed at Railway platforms, yards etc. to sniff out explosive substances. RPF men are being trained in the identification and detection of explosive devices.